

THE NATIONAL GAME

News of the Week Among the Ball Players.

Lincoln at home:—With Omaha: June 11, 12, 13; July 5, 6, 7; September 13, 14, 15.

With St. Joe: June 4, 5, 6; July 9, 10, 11; September 6, 7, 8.

With Des Moines: June 7, 8, 9; July 12, 13, 14; September 10, 11, 12.

With Rockford: May 10, 11, 12; July 2, 4, 4; August 19, 20, 21.

With Peoria: May 2, 4, 5; June 21, 22, 23; August 13, 14, 15.

With Jacksonville: May 13, 14, 15; June 25, 26, 27; August 16, 17, 18.

With Quincy: May 7, 8, 9; June 28, 29, 30; August 9, 10, 11.

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Lincoln abroad:—At Omaha: June 14, 15, 16; July 16, 17, 18, September 17, 18, 19.

At St. Joe: June 1, 2, 3; July 22, 23, 24; September 23, 24, 25.

At Des Moines: June 18, 19, 20; July 19, 20, 21; Sept. 20, 21, 22.

At Rockford: May 17, 18, 19; July 29, 30, 31; August 23, 24, 25.

At Peoria: May 21, 22, 23; August 2, 3, 4; August 27, 28, 29.

At Jacksonville: May 21, 25, 26; August 5, 6, 7;—30, 31, Sept. 1.

At Quincy: May 28, 30, 30; July 26, 27, 28; September 3, 3, 4.

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Rockford has secured two old timers—they are Bill Kreig, who played first-base for Rock Island last year, and Joe Visner. Kreig last year was considered the hardest hitter in the Western association, this does not mean that he got more hits but when he did hit he hit harder than any other player. He will be a good man for Manager Nicol.

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Geo. S. Shugart, a rising young manager who has already attained much prominence in base ball circles, is meeting with fair success in his efforts to organize an Iowa state league with a \$600 salary limit. The following cities are knocking for admission: Dubuque, Marshalltown, Ottumwa, Cedar Rapids, Clinton, Waterloo and Burlington.

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Manager Ebright received a letter from Hill on Monday wanting to know when he should report.

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President Kent has three umpires selected, they are Haskell, Ward and Snyder.

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Rockford has an amateur named Jackson from the Chicago city league.

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Preston, who last year played third base for St. Joe, is trying to show McClosky of the Louisville club that he can play "de bag proper."

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Most of the National league teams are in the south.

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Ebright, Barnes, Speer and Hollingsworth are at the park every warm day getting in condition for the opening.

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It is thought the Belden Hill will lead off for the Lincoln's as he gets to first with a regularity that is charming.

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Archie Cole passed through the city last Sunday on his way to New York where he will visit with his relatives until April 1st at which time he will start for Lincoln.

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A number of the cranks are inclined to blame Youngy Johnson for the loss of the pennant last year. They claim that had he pitched the game he was capable of against Rock Island on the last trip we would have had a cinch bet on the rag. On the way to the grounds to play the first game, the team encountered a colored brother, whose orbs appeared to be taking in the entire horizon. Buck Ebright was the first one to discover him and startled the others by exclaiming: "Stuffs off! We can't win in this town. There's an Inkie with his lamps trimmed crooked." "Dont rubber!" yelled Kid Speer. Whereupon every member of the team formed a cross with the thumb of the right hand and the little finger of the

left and hid their heads either under the seat or under each others wing. This was believed to counteract the spell put upon them by meeting the descendant of Ham with the corkscrew eyes, but there must have been a hitch somewhere for they not only lost that game but the series. Some of the other teams complained of meeting this same hoodoo on their way to the grounds and it was hinted that Manager Sage had him stationed so that the visiting teams would have to pass him. Tom Hickey is negotiating with him and he may be brought here this summer and if he is I guess we wont do a thing to seven clubs we might mention.

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Joe Cantillon has signed with Peoria and will play second base and captain the team.

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Last week THE COURIER stated that the diamond would be turned toward left field, this should have read turned towards right field having the batter face the south.

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Grant Bills, a local amateur, has an advertisement in the *Sporting News*. He wants to catch for some minor league team.

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Last Saturday night at Ed Young's the hands of the clock showed that it was within a few moments of midnight. The members of Buck Ebright's indoor base ball club were all present including pitcher Fred Reimers, Billy Turner, Gus Radabaugh, Bob Gillespie, and Kid Speer, it was, as Buck said, "the ninth inning, two men were out, I had got to first on four balls and in my anxiety to steal second I did not notice that the second baseman held the ball. I could not get back to first. Now what was I to do?" While Fred, Billy, Gus and the Kid were trying to think what they would do, D. E. Thompson's hired man settled the question by turning out the lights. And the game which had lasted for five hours was at an end.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Victor Herbert occupies a unique position among the musicians of the country. A born Irishman, he is German reared and his associations in music were with the greatest and best of Germany and all Europe, his peculiar and striking talents making him a marked figure even at an early age. In this country he rose quickly from the position of instrumentalist in Thomas' orchestra to that of soloist not only of Thomas' orchestra but the first violincello virtuoso of the country, associate director of the Teidl orchestra, director of Gilmore's band, and now as composer of the latest and most successful opera, "Prince Ananias." The opera was brought out November 20th upon first intention of putting it on three nights a week, but so phenomenally successful has it been that, instead, it has run uninterruptedly ever since and there is no abatement in the furore which it has created. With Gilmore's band Victor Herbert is said to have worked wonders since he took charge of it. His scholarship in music is profoundly greater than any under which the famous organization had ever before played, and the refining and broadening influences thus applied are said to have wrought a revelation in the band's performances and made it a far greater organization today than ever it was before. The New York series of Sunday night concerts prove this. The soloists for the forthcoming tour of the band are: Mme. Louise Natali, prima donna; Victor Herbert, violincello; Adis L. Grey, auto harp and Herbert L. Clarke, cornet. At the New Funke opera house April 15.

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The Chicago evening *Journal* says of Miss Yaw: "Rivals Mme. Patti. Chicago has heard a soprano singer whose vocal range is marvelous. The singing of Miss Yaw is incomparably fine. Her high notes, taken with ease, extend beyond the range of any soprano, living or dead, and are absolutely flawless in their purity. * * She possesses great dramatic force, which, added to a range of nearly four octaves, every note which is at the singer's command, makes it manifest that Miss Yaw's gifts are of no common order. She has been successful in her various appearances and has received the encomiums of singers of note and teachers of merit, as well as the press of a score of cities in Europe and America. But the real business of her life has just commenced, as now, after seven years of study, she feels that whatever art can do for her has been done." At the New Funke opera house, Thursday evening, March 21.